

In February, 1946, Mr. R. C. Reece resigned from the advisory committee. The board records its appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. Reece from the time of his appointment in August, 1940.

Mr. C. Gordon Smith, formerly Assistant Chief Commissioner of the board, was appointed to the advisory committee in March, 1946.

#### THE CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD

In February, 1947, Mr. C. E. Huntting resigned as Assistant Chief Commissioner. Mr. W. C. McNamara was appointed Assistant Chief Commissioner to succeed Mr. Huntting and Mr. F. L. M. Arnold was appointed to the vacancy on the board.

Mr. Chairman, that is the end of the first half of the report, the balance deals with the financial position of the board.

The CHAIRMAN: I would like to thank Mr. McIvor for this very comprehensive report which he has just given to us. It shows what large operations the Canadian Wheat Board are carrying on and the importance of cereals not only to Canada but to all the countries of the civilized world to which it is exported.

And now, if it is your pleasure, we will proceed page by page, starting with the first page, if that is the wish of the committee. The matter is entirely in your hands. We will deal with them that way, or in any other way you desire, if you would give us an indication of your preference. Is that satisfactory to the committee?

Carried.

Are there any questions on page one?

Are there any questions on page two?

*By Mr. Wright:*

Q. I would like to ask Mr. McIvor some questions with regard to the movement of wheat to eastern ports. On page 2 of the report it says that during the August-January period 206.6 million bushels were moved for export, and during the latter part of the year, February-July, 133.5 million bushels were moved for export; just how does the board get wheat moved from the head of the lakes into position at eastern ports? As I understood you to say during the short time that you were before the committee in 1944 you use export firms; you do not move wheat yourselves to the eastern seaboard?—A. No.

Q. Well then, how did the firms which moved that wheat for you to eastern seaports protect themselves?—A. Mr. Wright, they took delivery at the head of the lakes and they make an advance payment to the wheat board and they are trustees for the wheat board of that particular wheat. It is not theirs, they are merely acting as trustees and subject to the direction of the board; and we have a shippers' agreement with them and they deliver the wheat to the ocean steamer under instructions from the board by the various purchasers, such as the United Kingdom, Belgium and the Netherlands; whoever it happens to be.

Q. How does the board allocate its business to the various exporting firms?—A. We do not attempt to allocate it. We give the business to the company that is able to obtain the lake tonnage. We tried to allocate it for a while on the basis of historical background and no one was satisfied so now it is a matter of who has the lake tonnage.

The CHAIRMAN: Is that all on page 2?

Page 3,—any questions?

*By Mr. Burton:*

Q. Mr. Chairman, on page 3, I have a question or two to ask. The item at the top of the page there, 123,635,506 bushels delivered to the United Kingdom,